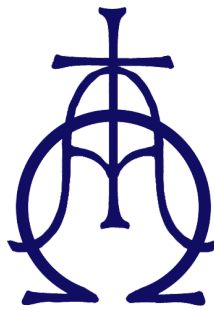


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA

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Service by Zoom this Sunday

[ZOOM link](#)

**We will stream live to Facebook
this week.**

[Link to Facebook page](#)

**A message from Rev. Jennifer
Spring is coming....changes are afoot**

I know spring is here because in the last week I saw daffodil leaves, the first snowdrops, a yellow anemone, turkey vultures returning from the south, and earthworms on the sidewalk after rain. Even with this raw weather, I am grateful for the change.

We have new things happening in the church as well. We are currently voting on Vestry members: Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and one Vestry Member. You should have received a packet with ballots; **please do vote and send ballots back either by USPS or bring them by in person.** The new Vestry will meet next week and we'll have lots to keep us busy: hiring a new sexton (many thanks to Brad for all his work), a new organist (we hope that Roxanne can come for a celebration/festival when we are all back together), a treasurer (thanks to Doug for taking that on for so long) and a new parish administrator (Becky will be stepping down in June after long years of great service, pastoral care, and keeping church going). We have much to be thankful for, and many people to thank.

Also a heads up: we're keeping an eye on the COVID numbers and hoping that we will be able to return to in-person worship in the coming weeks. Certainly as the weather gets warmer we will be able to meet with windows open and even in the green area next to the church. Stay tuned.

Peace,

Jennifer+

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Honoring Marilyn Thomas

Dear Friends,

Our beloved sister and friend Marilyn Thomas passed away on Saturday, February 27. Tommy and family were with her during her final days.

On Saturday March 6, we will have a funeral to honor Marilyn, pray with her family and friends, and commend Marilyn to God.

Saturday, March 6 Christ Episcopal Church

12.00 pm- 1.00 pm: Walk-through Visitation

You are invited to come to the sanctuary to say goodbye to Marilyn and to give your regards to the family. This will be done according to COVID regulations-- only a few people at a time will be in the sanctuary and the line will move from the front door past the casket through the sanctuary and out the back door.

1.00: Rite of Christian Burial

This service will be limited to the Thomas family in the sanctuary. We will stream the service to Facebook. The button is below.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Heartland Hospice or Christ Episcopal Xenia.

Please keep Marilyn, Tommy and family in your prayers.

Facebook for Marilyn Thomas Funeral

LENTEN OFFERING: Visual Bible Study

**Lenten Series *Scripture through Pictures:*
This and every Wednesday in Lent at 8.30 pm
*by Zoom/Facebook***

March 3 we will be studying Isaiah Chapter 53, with the theme "Stricken Smitten, Bruised and Afflicted," considering images of the Suffering Servant. If you can, read the chapter ahead of time-- but even if you don't read the chapter please come anyway!

We'll meet by Zoom--click the "Lenten Bible Study" button below to join us. The Facebook button above will take you to the live stream.

Lenten Bible Study

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March 2, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent
First Sunday

Preacher and Celebrant: Reverend Jennifer
Scripture Readings for March 7

Exodus 20: 1- 17

Psalm 19
Romans 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

*you can find copies of the scripture on our weekly devotional
at the bottom of this note*

**Christ Church Clothes Etc. Outreach:
Clothes for Children in Foster Care**

Clothes, Etc. is continuing outreach to the community--community members can call for an appointment to come and find clothing. A second outreach is also emerging: serving social workers and children who have been placed in foster care. Clothes Etc. is putting together packets of clothing by gender and size--underwear, socks, pants and shirt--and then inviting social workers to make appointments to get packets for the children they serve. If you would like to help, see below...

Older girls: sizes 12-18

- Jeans/pants
- Shirts/tops
- Socks
- Sweat shirts
- Athletic bras
- Coats
- Hats
- Gloves
- New** underwear/panties (all other clothes can be used)

Older boys: sizes 12-18

- Jeans/pants
- Long sleeved warm shirts
- Socks
- Sweat shirts
- Cotton tshirts
- Coats
- Hats
- Gloves
- New** underwear (all other clothes can be used)

Hygiene Items

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- hairbrush

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Your Guide to Worship at Christ Episcopal and COVID-19

**Due to high levels of COVID-19 in our county,
we are currently worshipping online**

The bishops of Southern Ohio and Ohio have asked us to stay remote until the current rates of infection are lessened. We will be remote until further notice.

Click on the button below to check on Greene County's status

Ohio Dept of Health Map

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Pledges and Tithes

NOTE: The pledge button will be discontinued at the end of March.

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Click on the button below if you'd like to give your pledge via the Diocese of Southern Ohio (this is set up especially for churches like ours).

You can also mail or deliver your pledge to Becky at Nickell House,
68 E. Church Street, Xenia, Ohio 45385.

Give pledge online

++Parish Prayer List++

Please contact church office to update or add names

Prayers for your daily devotions

Healing

Karen I, Rev Greg Delaney, David, Cheryl, Ruth, Amelia, Tommy, Brad, Cynda, Heather, Diana and Peter, Matt L, Alex B, Jacob C, Carolyn C, and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

In God's Nearer Presence

Marilyn Thomas

Ray Kerr (Cheryl's family)

John Watkins (Cheryl's family)

Connie Adamson (Cheryl's family)

Mark McAllister (Cheryl's family)

We pray for comfort and healing for those who grieve.

Tommy Thomas and the Thomas family

Cheryl E.

On-going prayer list.

If a name has been removed from the list that you would like to see here, please let Rev. Jennifer or Becky know.

Barbara, Holly, Madysun, John G, Rev John T, Roxanne, Ken, Lamar, Jess and Tim, Greg, David E, Deb, and Rick B.

Diocese of Southern Ohio

Please keep our diocese in your prayers, especially Bishop Ken, Bishop Nedi, and Bishop Wendell, and the Standing Committee who will be serving the diocese for the coming months as we discern the process for calling a new bishop.

++Previous Sermons++

Fr. Mike Kreutzer, 2nd Sunday of Lent

++Christian Formation++

***Weekly Devotional**

Our readings this week include exploration of hunger--spiritual and physical hunger. Suzanne Guthrie's weekly devotional is found at the button below. At the top left hand corner you will find the readings of the week.

Here is the link for the week's readings as well as the devotional **Edge of the Enclosure**

Weekly Devotional

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God's blessing be with us,
Christ's peace be with us,
the Spirit's outpouring be with us,
now and always. Amen.++

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